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Muzzling Military Mutes Weapon Against Reds

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I have heard and talked with some of the military and other leaders who are under attack in the present move to muzzle military men and the armed services so as to prevent them from taking part in the educational battle against communism. I participated in one of the conferences of joint military and private institutional sponsorship which are a particular target of this muzzling campaign.

I have also heard and talked with persons who might justifiably be called "right-wing radicals."

They are not the same. Not remotely.

Prominent among the targets of the muzzling drive is Admiral Arleigh Burke, who until recently was chief of naval operations. Top government targets not in the military include William C. Sullivan, chief of research for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Jr., inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency.

I've heard these men. They're not wild-eyed or radical or impetuous. And there's not a shred of partisan politics in anything I heard them say. They are quietly forceful, clear-thinking men who are obviously well informed about Communists and Communist strategy and tactics. Their equally obvious sin is that they are bent on educating the American people with their knowledge of the Communist conspiracy.

Last May I sat in on a three-day conference in Chicago, sponsored by the Institute for American Strategy with the active collaboration of the military services. It was the sort of thing which was hit by the Fulbright Memorandum. The Institute was one of two private organizations specifically attacked.

The three days, from morning to late evening, were packed with informative speeches, discussions and demonstrations about the Communist operation. In rooms and foyer near the conference auditorium were numerous displays of literature and propaganda bearing on the subject.

The whole thing was vigorously and effectively anti-Communist. If that's